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TISSUE

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This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action issued in the above-captioned application on August 26, 2003. Please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Claim Listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.